

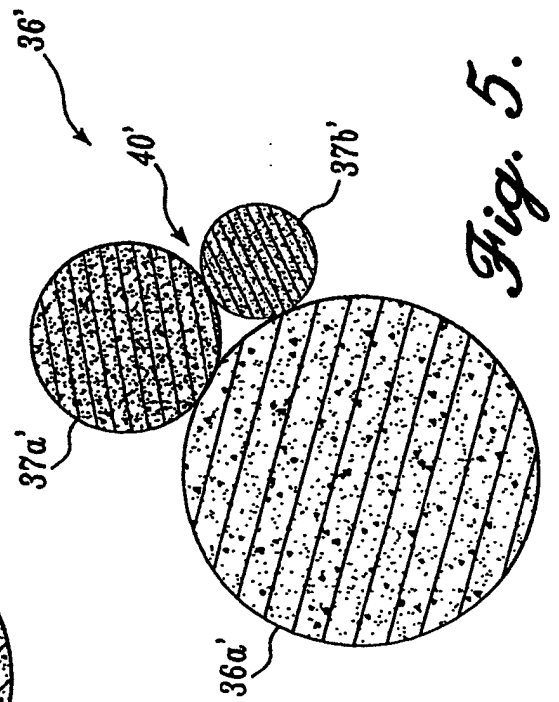
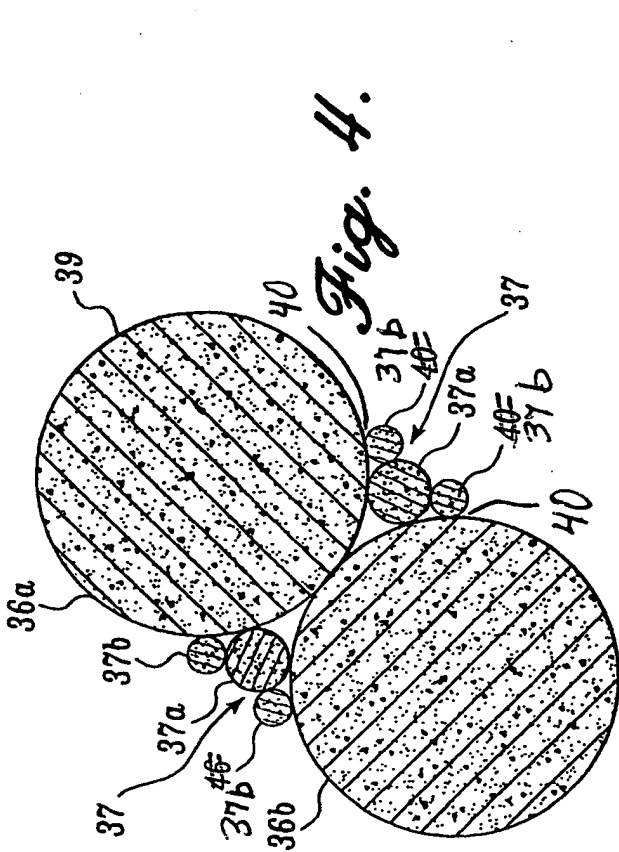
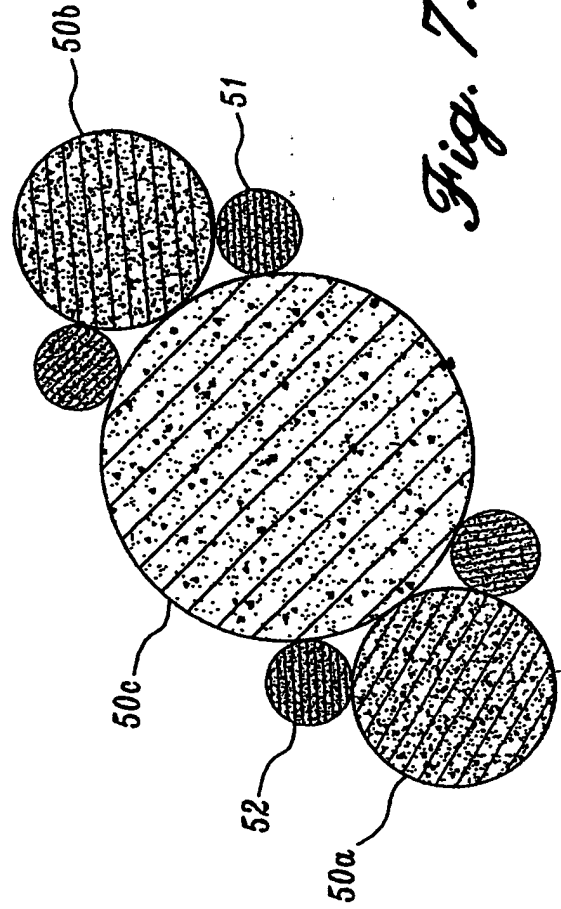
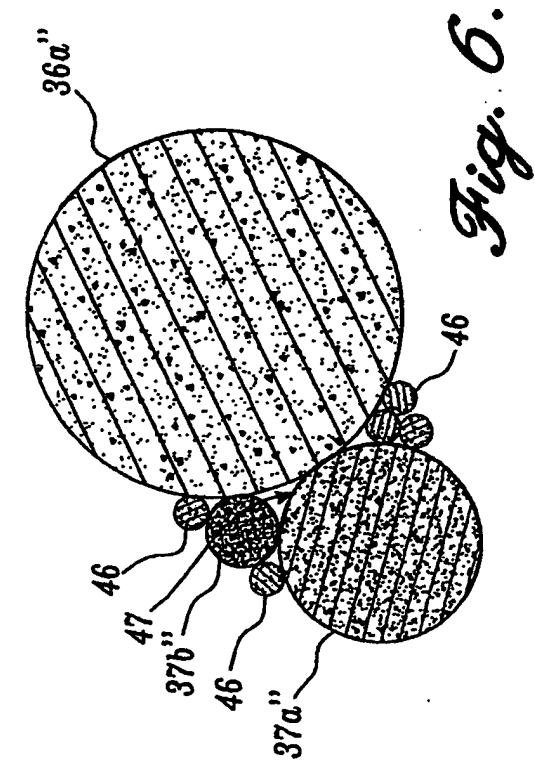
Amendments to the Drawings

The amendments to the drawings described below repeat those presented in co-pending parent United States patent application Serial No. 10/012,799 filed November 3, 2001.

On 20 May 1999, the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") mailed an International Preliminary Examination ("IPEA") Report for Patent Cooperation Treaty ("PCT") application PCT/US98/07848, i.e. published by World Intellectual Property Organization ("WIPO") WO 98/46070. The IPEA Report included a complete set of amended formal drawings which replaced informal drawings of the 22 October 1998, International Publication No. WO 98/46070. A set of formal drawings, amended as described below, accompanies this Preliminary Amendment.

Drawing sheets 3/19, 6/19, 7/19 and 18/19, which include amendments to FIGs. 4, 13, 17, 18, 20, 27A, 27B, of the formal drawings included in the IPEA Report, are included in the set of formal drawings. Amended drawing sheets 3/19, 6/19, 7/19 and 18/19 replace equivalently numbered sheets in the formal drawings included in the IPEA Report.

Copies of drawing sheets 3/19, 6/19, 7/19 and 18/19 from the formal drawings included in the IPEA Report, marked to indicate changes between those drawing sheets and the accompanying amended formal drawing sheets, also accompany this Preliminary Amendment.



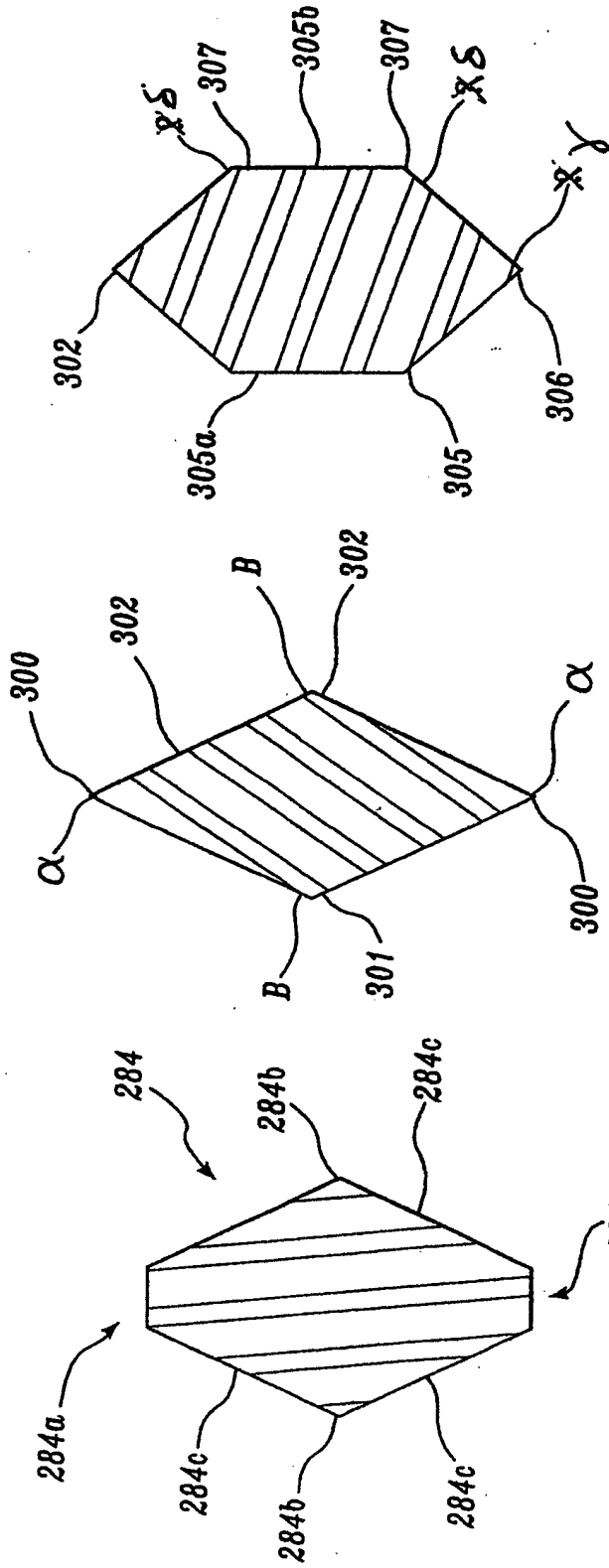


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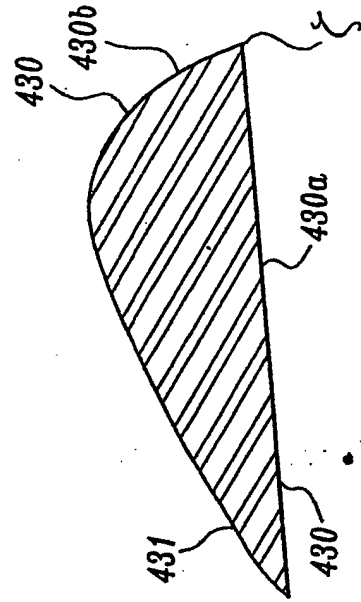


Fig. 17.

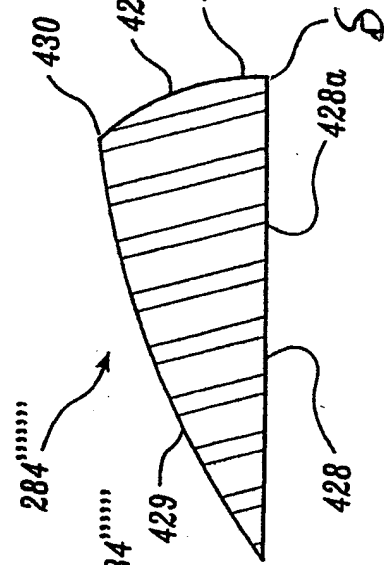


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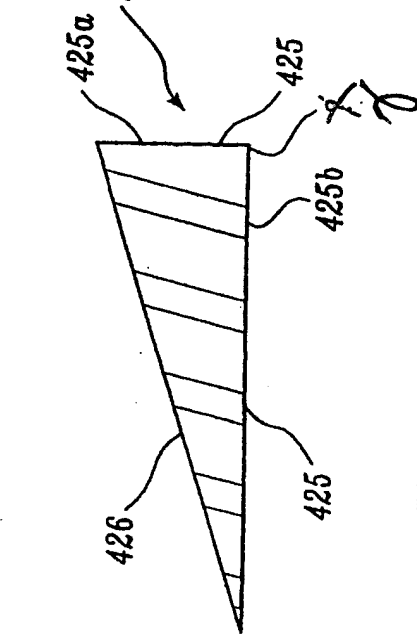


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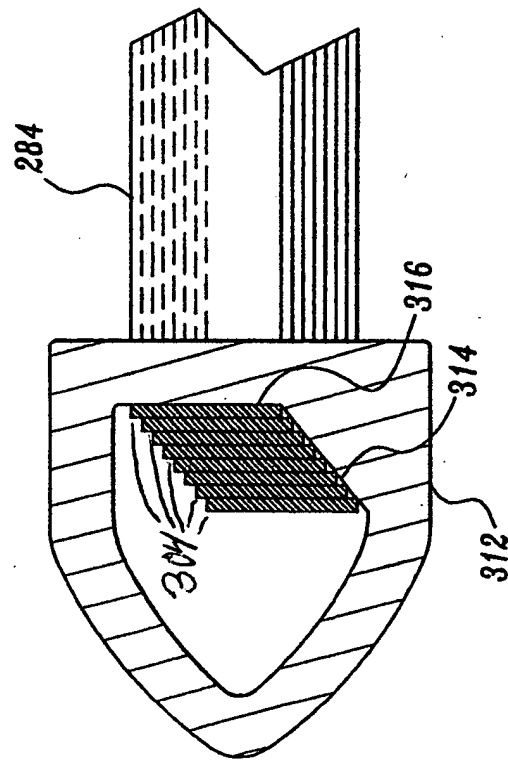


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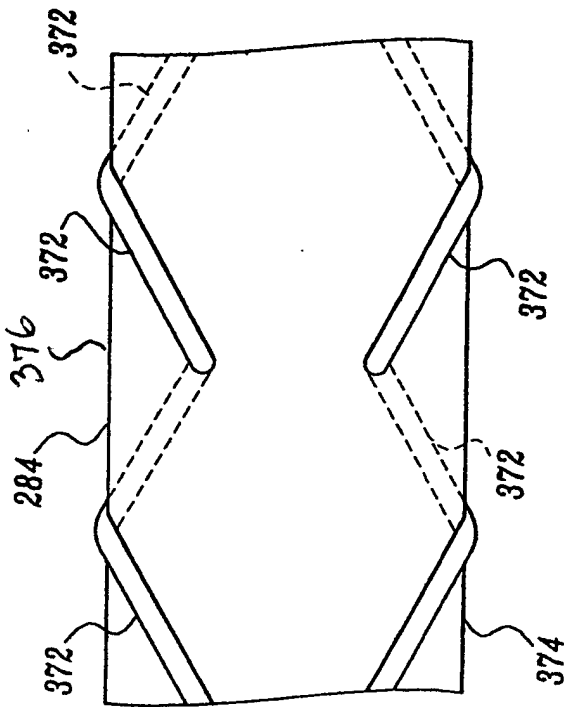


Fig. 27A.

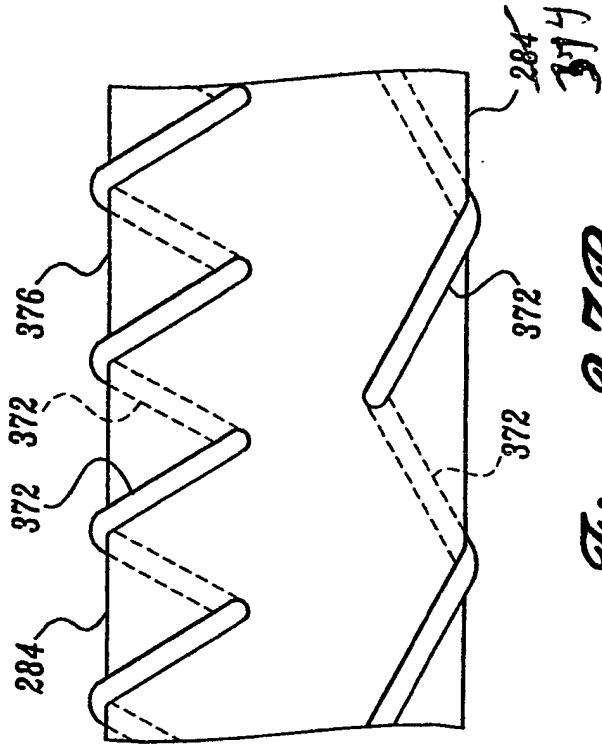


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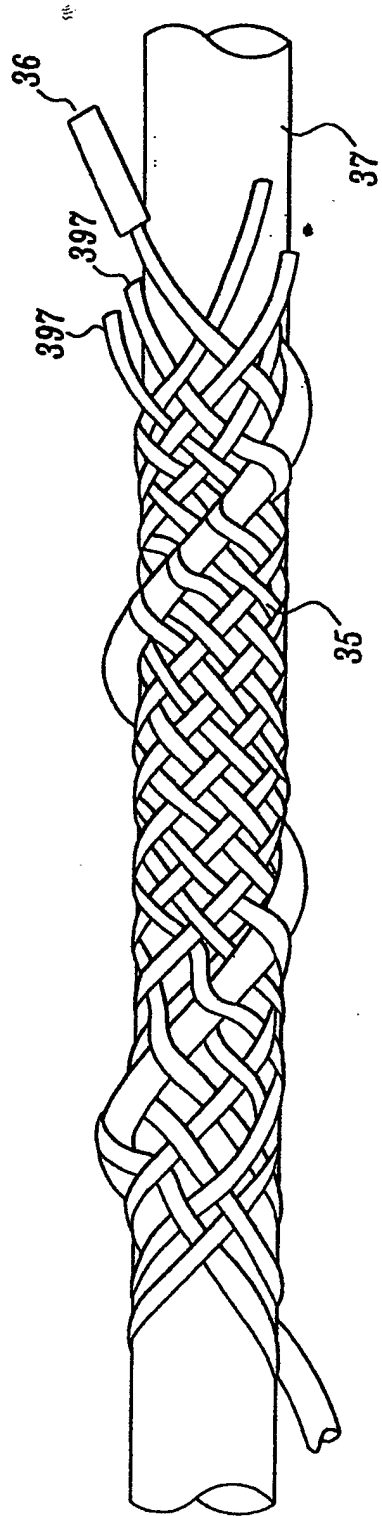


Fig. 29.